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In re application of:

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For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TISSUE  
ABLATION AND RESECTION**

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Examiner: L. Cohen

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed July 8, 2002 for which a response is due August 8, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed:

REMARKS

Applicant's previous response, filed May 2, 2002, elected Invention I (Claims 1-70 and 75-85), without traverse. Applicant further elected the species relating to the embodiment disclosed in Fig. 42 corresponding to claims 1-5, 8-10, 16-19, 22-24, 26-38, 40, 41-70, and 75-81

The Communication from the Examiner, mailed July 8, 2002, asserted that Fig. 42 did not appear to read on claim 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 18, 28-31, 42, 49, 51, 52-59, 66, 67, 75 and requested clarification.

Applicant wishes to further withdraw from examination, claims 4, 5, 28-31, 49, 66, and 67. The undersigned apologizes for any confusion.

Regarding the remainder of the claims pertaining to mechanical resection, applicant notes that Fig. 42 generically shows a 'resection unit' 1406. As discussed throughout the application, each resection unit includes at least one resection electrode. As also discussed through the



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